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SUBJECT: ILO: 64TH ILC, COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF
STANDARDS

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1. THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED ITS GENERAL DISCUSSION ON 15 JUNE WITH A DECISION TO INCLUDE IN ITS GENERAL REPORT THE TRADITIONAL SECTION COMBINING THE SEVEN CRITERIA OF THE SPECIAL LIST, FOLLOWED BY SPECIAL PARAGRAPHS. THE DISCUSSION, WHICH WAS UNUSUALLY LONG (SIX SITTINGS, NEARLY FIFTY SPEAKERS), CENTERED ON THE SPECIAL LIST AND THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS. MANY SOVIET BLOC REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE THREE GROUPS PARTICIPATED IN AN ATTACK ON THE TWO PHASES OF THE ILO SUPERVISION SYSTEM (EXPERT AND CONFERENCE COMM.) VISIBLY ORCHESTRATED BY USSR GOVERNMENT MEMBER SHKOUNAIEV. IN RESPONSE, THERE WAS VOCAL SUPPORT FROM A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS AND WORKERS INCLUDING SEVERAL FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, FOR PARAGRAPH TEN OF THE EXPERTS REPORT (SAME AS PARA 31 OF LAST CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT) AND FOR COMBINATION OF
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THE SPECIAL LIST/PARAGRAPHS METHOD.

2. THE FINAL DECISION WAS DUE TO THE STRONG STAND OF THE TWO VICE CHAIRMEN WHICH PREVENTED SHKOUNAIEV FROM INSISTING ON A VOTE. FURTHER EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THE WHOLE SUPERVISION MACHINERY DURING THE CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT IN THE PLENARY CANNOT

BE EXCLUDED, ESPECIALLY AS SOVIET BLOC SPEAKERS COMMENTED
NEGATIVELY ON THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S SUGGESTION THAT
THIS REPORT BE MERELY NOTED.

3. IN SUMMING UP THE GENERAL DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF REVIEWING THE
WORKING OF THE SPECIAL LIST AND SPECIAL PARAGRAPH SYSTEM
AT NEXT YEAR'S SESSION IN A TRIPARTITE WORKING PARTY
ESPECIALLY ORGANIZED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE PRECISE
IMPLICATIONS OF THIS SUGGESTION MAY BECOME CLEARER WHEN
SPELLED OUT IN THE COMMITTEE'S DRAFT REPORT.

4. THE DISCUSSION OF INDIVIDUAL CASES SHOULD NOT TAKE
AS LONG AS USUAL ALTHOUGH THE USSR AND CUBA (CONVENTION
29) ARE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF CASES TO BE CONSIDERED.
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